

November 6, 2008

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Jane Darnell, Project Leader
Medford-Park Falls Ranger District
Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
850 North 8th Street, Highway 13
Medford, Wisconsin 54451

Re: **Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) for the Proposed Medford Aspen Vegetation and Transportation Management Project (Project) on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (Forest), Medford-Park Falls Ranger District, Taylor County, Wisconsin
EIS No. 20080427**

Dear Ms. Darnell:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, we have reviewed the Final EIS and ROD for the Medford Aspen Project. The proposed project results from the need to implement the current Forest Plan and move forest resources toward the desired future conditions for the Management Area located in the analysis area.

As stated in our Draft EIS letter, dated August 20, 2008, we conclude that significant impacts are not likely to occur as a result of project implementation. Based upon our review of the Final EIS, we maintain our lack of objections.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the Draft and Final EIS for this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Kathy Kowal of my staff at (312) 353-5206 or via e-mail at kowal.kathleen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kenneth A. Westlake

Kenneth A. Westlake, Supervisor
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